



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Mayor Rita M. Schmidt, Councilors Genevieve Cerf, Joe delaCruz, Bruce S. Flax, Bob Frink, Rich Moravsik, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Heather Bond Somers and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING - CANCELLATION

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2014-0036 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of January 7, 2014.

b. Administrative Items

2014-0013 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Elaine Adams - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Anonymous - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Christ United Methodist Church - \$116.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Michael and Rebecca Freeman - \$120.00 - Social Services Discretionary

James and Janis Mooney - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Mystic Medical Group - \$200.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Northern Lights - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Nancy Plauman - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Edward and Ronna Pollard - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Charles Rogers - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Gladys Rogers - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary

Paul and Clare Rogers - \$500.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Mark and Mary Lou Svencer - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
 Jack Komorowski - \$2,000 - Spicer Trust Fund
 Suisman, Shapiro, Wool, Brennan, Gray and Greenberg, P.C. - \$2,000 - Spicer Trust Fund
 Mary K. Smith - \$15.00 - Library Miscellaneous
 Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary Fund
 Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary Fund
 Josephine Bright - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Deborah Cluff - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Mary Dickson - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Lee Hinderfeld - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 International Association of Machinists - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Girard and Hali Keeler - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Nathalie King - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Lawrence and Beverly Lacerte - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Mary Laforce - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Anna Marie Landry - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Raymond and Jane Macionus - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Donald Mosher - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Mystic Women's Club - \$1,186.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Herta Payson - \$250.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Anne-Marie Quagliaroli - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 H.G. and Barbara Sawyer - \$200.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Louis and Alma Venditti - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Barbara Weeman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
 Groton Rotary/Groton Lions/Liberty Bank (Correction) - \$10,345.75 - Social Services Discretionary
 Nancy d'Estang - \$100.00 - Library Miscellaneous

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2012-0243	Review of Town Council Goals	Referral
2013-0001	Unaffiliated and Other Appointments (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0002	Republican Town Committee Appointments (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0003	Democratic Town Committee Appointments (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0004	Joint Meeting with City of Groton (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0005	Joint Meeting with Board of Education (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0006	Joint Meeting with Groton Long Point Board of Directors (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0007	Meeting with State Legislators (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0008	Joint Meeting with Stonington Board of Selectmen (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0009	Labor Negotiations (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0010	Pending Litigation (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0011	Revised Position Descriptions (2013 Standing Referral)	Referral
2013-0285	Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding	Referral

2014-0011	Joint Meeting with Stonington Board of Selectmen (2014 Standing Referral)	Referral
2014-0018	FOI Presentation by Tom Hennick	Referral
2014-0020	Request for Proposals for Town Attorney	Referral
2014-0021	Disposition of Fitch Middle School	Referral
2013-0297	Road Reconstruction Bond - Year 2 Projects	Referral
2014-0014	Department of Education Youth and Family Services Funding	Referral
2014-0015	Department of Education Youth Services Enhancement Grant	Referral
2014-0016	Supportive Housing Program Grant	Referral
2014-0017	FYE 2013 CAFR	Referral
2014-0024	Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding - GOSA Request for Application Endorsement	Referral
2014-0025	Reappointment of David Russell to the Permanent School Building Committee	Referral
2014-0026	Reappointment of Marie Shaw to Library Board	Referral
2014-0027	Reappointment of June Evered to Parks and Recreation Commission	Referral
2014-0030	Appointment of Paul Duarte as an Alternate Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals	Referral
2014-0031	Reappointment of Susan Vincent to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors	Referral
2014-0032	Reappointment of James Sherrard to Planning Commission	Referral
2014-0033	Appointment of Michael Meyer to Housing Authority	Referral
2014-0034	Appointment of Mark Bancroft as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Commission	Referral
2014-0035	Reappointment of John Wilson to Shellfish Commission	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors**
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting**
- c. Clerk of the Council**
- d. Town Manager**
- e. Town Attorney**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development**
- b. Economic Development**
- c. Education/Health & Social Services**
- d. Environment/Energy**

e. Finance

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules

g. Public Safety

h. Public Works/Recreation

i. Committee of the Whole

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2013-0297 Road Reconstruction Bond - Year 2 Projects

Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING YEAR 2 REPORTS FROM THE TOWN, CITY, AND GROTON LONG POINT FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in November 2012 Groton voters approved a five-year road maintenance and rehabilitation program for calendar years 2013 through 2017 that provides funding for the Town, City, and Groton Long Point to maintain and rehabilitate the community's road system, and

WHEREAS, the program requires each entity to file a report with the Town Council by December 30th of each year that identifies the roads completed in the calendar year, compares estimated costs to actual costs, and identifies the roads to be addressed in the upcoming year, and

WHEREAS, it was anticipated that adjustments to the list of roads may be necessary to account for factors such as utility construction, accelerate aging of road surfaces, and planned development over the course of the multi-year project, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the reports and proposed adjustments to the list of roads to be maintained/rehabilitated, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council accepts the Year 2 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program Reports from the Town, City, and Groton Long Point.

Legislative History

12/18/2013 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

12/23/2013 Town Council Committee of the Whole Discussed

As a condition of the five year road bond, the Town, City, and Groton Long Point are required to report to the Town Council about accomplishments during the current calendar year and anticipated projects for the next calendar year by December 31st. Reports have been received from City Mayor Galbraith and Director of Public Works Gary Schneider for the Town. The Town Manager has reached out to Groton Long Point and hopes to have their report before the next meeting.

The Town Manager reviewed the benefits of bonding for the roads. He asked if the Council would like a presentation from the three entities. He also encouraged the Council to have regular meetings with the City and Groton Long Point. Additional information on Town costs will be available by the January 14th Committee of the Whole meeting. Councilor Somers suggested reviewing the information prior to meeting with the City and Groton Long Point.

Discussion followed on the bonding process.

Councilor Flax asked for more detailed information including lengths of roads. He also questioned why there is such a large margin of error in the Town's estimates. The Town Manager offered possible explanations including significant savings on asphalt. Councilor Flax then questioned the level of coordination between the three entities. Councilor Moravsik noted that all three entities do the work differently. Discussion followed on

the purchase of asphalt as an example. Councilor Moravsik noted that the City and Groton Long Point have hired the same contractor to do their roads.

Councilor Cerf noted an article about money allocated by the state for local road improvements. Town Manager Oefinger explained that the Town is receiving funds for the reconstruction of Crystal Lake Road. The decision on how to spend regional money is being pushed to the regional level through the Council of Governments.

**1/14/2014 Town Council Committee of
the Whole Discussed**

**1/14/2014 Town Council Committee of
the Whole Recommended for a
Resolution**

2014-0014

**Department of Education Youth and Family Services
Funding**

Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FYE 2015 YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FUNDING

WHEREAS, crisis intervention, prevention and support programs and short-term counseling services will benefit at-risk Groton youth and their families, and

WHEREAS, funding is available from the State of Connecticut Department of Education to supplant a portion of the salaries of Groton Human Services counselors who provide intervention and prevention services for at-risk Groton youth, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, or his designee, is authorized to file an application with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for FYE 15 municipal youth services funding in an amount to be determined by the Department of Education and to amend contractual agreements for such funding to ensure continuation of short-term counseling, crisis intervention and prevention and support programs for Groton youth and families.

Legislative History

1/6/2014 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the W

**1/14/2014 Town Council Committee of
the Whole Recommended for a
Resolution**

2014-0015

**Department of Education Youth Services Enhancement
Grant**

Referral

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FYE 2015 YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut Department of Education offers Youth Services Bureau Enhancement Grant program funding to municipally-based Connecticut youth services programs for supplies and related expenses connected with programs and activities which directly and indirectly benefit Groton youth and families in areas such as youth enrichment, outreach programs, general support and positive youth development, and

WHEREAS, Groton Human Services has demonstrated its success in providing youth enrichment, outreach programs, general support and positive youth development, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, or his designee, is authorized to apply for and contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for FYE 2015 Youth Services Bureau Enhancement Grant program funding in an amount to be determined by the Department of Education.

Legislative History

	1/6/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	1/14/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0016	Supportive Housing Program Grant			Referral

RESOLUTION APPROVING TVCCA/HUD SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM GRANT

WHEREAS, homelessness is being addressed on several fronts by numerous programs but remains an ongoing problem for Groton and neighboring communities, and

WHEREAS, homeless persons with disabilities and homeless families in which at least one member is disabled require extensive counseling, support and case management services, and

WHEREAS, the Supportive Housing Program, operated by TVCCA as the grantee of record with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, provides funding to enable agencies and municipalities to provide counseling, support and case management services via participation in the Housing Collaborative Network, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, to enter into an agreement with Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. to accept grant funding in the amount of \$9,000 (or such an amount to be specified) to conduct a Supportive Housing Program in Groton via Groton Human Services for the period of February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015 and to utilize said funding to supplant a portion of the salaries and related fringe benefits of selected Groton Human Services staff, who shall provide counseling, support and case management services to the specified Groton client population via participation in the Housing Collaborative Network.

Legislative History

	1/6/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	1/14/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0017	FYE 2013 CAFR			Referral

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FYE 2013 AUDIT REPORT

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the annual audit of the Town of Groton's finances, covering the fiscal year from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Council has discussed the audit findings with the manager of the audit team from the firm of Blum Shapiro, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Groton accepts and files the FYE 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), the Auditor's Reports and Management Letter.

Legislative History

	1/6/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
	1/14/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
	1/14/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0024	Connecticut Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program Funding - GOSA Request for Application Endorsement			Referral

LETTER TO STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY PROTECTION REGARDING GROTON OPEN SPACE ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION UNDER THE OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION GRANT

PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Groton Open Space Association (GOSA) has requested the Groton Town Council's endorsement of an application for grant funds to purchase a parcel of land located off Route 184 currently owned by Tilcon, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Town Council Committee of the Whole at its meeting on December 23, 2013 voted not to endorse GOSA's application, and

WHEREAS, on December 27, 2013 GOSA withdrew its request for the Town Council's endorsement, but did not indicate if the group still plans to submit an application, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a letter is to be sent to the Connecticut Department of Environmental and Energy Protection indicating that the Groton Town Council does not endorse GOSA's application for grant funds to purchase the Tilcon, Inc. property.

Legislative History

1/9/2014	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
1/14/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	
1/14/2014	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0025	Reappointment of David Russell to the Permanent School Building Committee		Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID E. RUSSELL TO THE PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that David E. Russell, 73 Ronald Road, is hereby reappointed to the Permanent School Building Committee for a term ending 9/29/16.

Legislative History

1/7/2014	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee (2011)	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0026	Reappointment of Marie Shaw to Library Board		Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING MARIE SHAW TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Marie C. Shaw, 20 Colony Road, is hereby reappointed to the Library Board for a term expiring 12/31/16.

Legislative History

1/7/2014	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee (2011)	Recommended for a Resolution	
2014-0027	Reappointment of June Evered to Parks and Recreation Commission		Referral

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JUNE EVERED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that June I. Evered, 86 Buddington Road #6, is hereby reappointed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term ending 12/31/18.

Legislative History

1/7/2014	Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules /Legislation Committee (2011)	Recommended for a Resolution	
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- 2014-0030 Appointment of Paul Duarte as an Alternate Member of the Board of Assessment Appeals Referral**
- RESOLUTION APPOINTING PAUL DUARTE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
- RESOLVED, that Paul Duarte, 54 Cottage Street, is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending 12/31/16.
- Legislative History**
- 1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)
- 2014-0031 Reappointment of Susan Vincent to Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SUSAN VINCENT TO THE LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- RESOLVED, that Susan M. Vincent, 1 New London Road, Mystic, is reappointed as a member of the Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors for a term ending 11/10/2016.
- Legislative History**
- 1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)
- 2014-0032 Reappointment of James Sherrard to Planning Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMES R. SHERRARD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that James R. Sherrard, 66 Algonquin Drive, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/18.
- Legislative History**
- 1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)
- 2014-0033 Appointment of Michael Meyer to Housing Authority Referral**
- RESOLUTION APPOINTING MICHAEL MEYER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
- RESOLVED, that Michael Meyer, 18 New London Road, Mystic, is hereby appointed to the Groton Housing Authority for a term ending 7/31/17.
- Legislative History**
- 1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)
- 2014-0034 Appointment of Mark Bancroft as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARK BANCROFT AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that Mark J. Bancroft, 233 High Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as an alternate member to the Zoning Commission for a term ending 9/30/18.
- Legislative History**
- 1/7/2014 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee (2011)

2014-0035 Reappointment of John Wilson to Shellfish Commission**Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN M. WILSON AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that John M. Wilson, 1 Appletree Lane, West Mystic is hereby reappointed as an alternate member to the Shellfish Commission for a term expiring 12/31/17.

Legislative History

1/7/2014

**Town Council
Personnel/Appointments/Rules
/Legislation Committee (2011)**

**Recommended for a
Resolution**

XI. OTHER BUSINESS**XII. ADJOURNMENT**